(d) whether Government are considering re-introduction of night patrolling of tracks in the areas as soon as South West Monsoon sets in?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Patrolling of the vulnerable locations and stretches of the Railway Track is done when the monsoon sets in.

(b) No, Sir. However, a review of the vulnerable locations is done periodically.

(c) This place was not identified as vulnerable location requiring patrolling.

(d) Does not arise in view of the replies to parts (a) and (b) above.

Stoppage of passenger train between Chhota Ambona and Kalubathan

1871. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the demands of the people of Dhanbad district of Bihar to have a stoppage of the passenger train between Chhota Ambona and Kalubathan in the Eastern Railway and the extension of Dhanbad Patherdih passenger train to Bhojudih;

(b) whether Government have received several mass representations to this effect forwarded by the M.Ps. in the last one year and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Suggestions have been received for provision of a halt station between Kalubathan and Chhota Ambona stations of Eastern Railway, and for extension of Dhanbad Patherdih passenger train to Bhojudih.

(c) The suggestions could not be agreed to.

Direct rail link between Howrah and Trivandrum

1872. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received two memoranda dated 22nd July, 1987 and 3rd April, 1987 from Kerala Railway Passengers Joint Action Council and Calcutta Malayalee Samajam, respectively urging for direct regular rail link between Howrah and Trivandrum for the benefit of large number of Keralite population living in West Bengal and north Eastern Region;

(b) whether they have also urged for restoration of coaching facility in Coromandal Express with increased number of coaches, adjustment of timings of Coromandal Express etc. till their main demand for direct rail link is fructified;

(c) what steps Government are proposing to take thereon; and

(d) whether Government are aware of the fact that the newly introduced Guwahati-Trivandrum super fast express is hardly adequate to meet the actual requirement of Keralites living in Calcutta and North East States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) In addition to the two weekly express trains between Guwahati-Trivandrum and Guwahati-